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**Report to Regulatory Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 16 August 2022**

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**Subject: Taxi Fare Review**

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**Report by: Civic Licensing Standards Officer**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (the “1982 Act”), at Section 17(2) sets out that a Licensing Authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges mentioned connected with the hire of a taxi within 18 months beginning with the date on which the scales came into effect..
- 1.2. In fixing scales under section 17(2), the licensing authority may
  - (a) alter fares or other charges,
  - (b) fix fares or other charges at the same rates.
- 1.3. The last fare review carried out by Clackmannanshire Council (the “Licensing Authority”) set scales to take effect from 3 December, 2018.
- 1.4. For reasons connected to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, no fare review was carried out, and it was agreed with the local taxi owners association that this was an agreeable course of action.
- 1.5. No other interested party suggested that a fare scale review should be carried out.
- 1.6. The Licensing Authority was approached in July 2022 by an independent taxi operator requesting that a review of the fare scales now takes place.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Committee carries out a fare scale review exercise and consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 and use the findings of that exercise to fix new scales as appropriate.

**3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. Under the terms of the 1982 Act the Licensing Authority must consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or to be representative of, the

operators of taxis operating within its area, and following such consultation review the existing scales, and

- (a) propose new scales (whether at altered rates or the same rates),
- (b) publish those proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in its area—

- (i) setting out the proposed scales,
- (ii) explaining the effect of the proposed scales,
- (iii) proposing a date on which the proposed scales are to come into effect, and
- (iv) stating that any person may make representations in writing until the relevant date, and

- (c) consider any such representations.

- 3.2. The Regulatory Committee are therefore asked to consider the information before them and having done so to determine a timeline and method of carrying out the required review.
- 3.3. Appendix A proposes a suggested method and timeline for carrying out the required review

#### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

- 4.1. None

#### **5.0 Resource Implications**

##### *5.1. Financial Details*

- 5.2. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

##### *5.3. Staffing*

- 5.4. There are no staffing implications as a result of the recommendations in this report

#### **Exempt Reports**

- 5.5. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### **7.0 Declarations**

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

**None**

**8.0 Equalities Impact**

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

**9.0 Legality**

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

**10.0 Appendices**

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

10.2 Method and Timeline Proposal (Appendix A)

**11.0 Background Papers**


11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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## **Appendix A**

### **Proposed Timeline and Method Statement for Taxi Fare Review**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description of task and Actions</b>	<b>Date Commenced</b>	<b>Date Complete</b>
Agree Process	Regulatory committee to agree process, timeline and members of any required "Working Group"  Set Consultation Period (suggest 6 weeks)	16 August 2022	
Working Group	Create working Group and confirm participation of members	By 30 August 2022	
Consultation Letter	Agree terms of consultation letter, Distribute letter of consultation to representative parties	14 September 2022	
Consultation Period	Collate responses received during consultation period. (6 Weeks)	30 October 2022	
Working Group Meeting/Discussion	Meeting of working Group to discuss consultation responses.	16 November 2022	
Agree Revised Scales	Agree and set revised scales – set effective date for new scales coming into force.	TBC – end November 2022	
Publication of Scales	Publish Scales in accordance with requirements of the 1982 Act along with relevant date for representations  (Relevant date Must be at least 1 month after publication.	December 2022 (TBC)	
Representations	Check and take consideration of any representation received prior to the "relevant date"	January 2023 ? TBC	
Statutory Notice	Prepare and circulate the required statutory Notice as required by Section 17(4D) of the 1982 Act	Within 7 days of	
Note Completion of task		TBC	

NB : All dates are proposed target dates and are open to variation and discussion.